

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information recording/reproducing apparatus which is capable of recording information data even if prebits cannot be correctly read from a recording medium. Prebits are detected from a read signal retrieved from a recording medium to generate a prebit detection signal, and a block signal indicative of a recording timing is generated based on the prebit detection signal. In this event, when the prebit detection signal is normal, an information signal is recorded on the recording medium at a recording timing in accordance with the block signal. On the other hand, when the prebit detection signal is defective, the information signal is recorded on the recording medium at a recording timing in accordance with an auxiliary block signal having the same period as a block length, and a fixed phase.